GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:134
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2012
AUTO SEZ IN SRI LANKA
Shetkar Shri Suresh Kumar

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up an exclusive Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Sri Lanka focusing on the engineering products and automobile components;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof;

(c) the response of the Government of Sri Lanka thereto;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study to analyse the impact of setting up of such SEZs in Sri Lanka on the exports of these goods and also on the employment opportunities for Indians; and

(e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

a)to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 134 FOR ANSWER ON 3RD DECEMBER 2012 REGARDING "AUTO SEZ IN SRI LANKA"

(a) & (b) An in-principle understanding was reached during the visit of Commerce, Industry & Textile Minister to Sri Lanka in August 2012, that India would assist in setting up of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Sri Lanka, which would focus on the engineering products and automobile components.

(c) Sri Lankan Government has exhibited a positive response to seek investment from India.

(d) No, Madam. However, scale of operation of envisaged SEZ in Sri Lanka is not expected to have much adverse impact on domestic industry

(e) Does not arise.